

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD DECEMBER 6, 2022**

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10:00 a.m. - The meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 400 19<sup>th</sup> Street West, Jasper.

**Present:** Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmembers Jenny Brown Short, Danny Gambrell, Gary Cowen, and Councilmember Willie Moore, III, Mayor David P. O'Mary

**Absent:** City Clerk/Administrator Kathy Chambless, City Attorney Russell B. Robertson

**Invocation** Councilmember Moore

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Councilmember Cowen

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Short that the minutes of the regular meeting November 15, 2022, be approved.

**Vote**

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Abstain
Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith	Yes

**Consider amendments to the agenda.** There were no amendments to the agenda.

**Consider approval of the agenda.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Cowen that the agenda be approved.

**Vote**

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith	Yes

**Consider approval of event permits:**

- a. **Walker Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade, December 6, 2022, downtown Jasper**
- b. **Reindeer Run 5K by Refining Fire Ranch, December 10, 2022, approximately 3.2 miles on various roads, including downtown Jasper**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to approve event permits for 1) Walker Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade, December 6, 2022, downtown Jasper, and 2) Reindeer Run 5K by Refining Fire Ranch, December 10, 2022, approximately 3.2 miles on various roads, including downtown Jasper.

**Vote**

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith	Yes

**Consider an appointment to the Jasper Waterworks & Sewer Board.** Councilmember Moore recommended Archie Rodgers for appointment to the Jasper Waterworks & Sewer Board for District Five.

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Short to close the nominations.

**Vote**

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith	Yes

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to appoint Archie Rodgers to the Jasper Waterworks & Sewer Board.

**Vote**

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith	Yes

**Consider an appointment to the Jasper Board of Zoning Adjustment.** Councilmember Moore recommended J.T. Chapman for appointment to the Jasper Board of Zoning Adjustment.

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Short to close the nominations.

**Vote**

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith	Yes

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to appoint J.T. Chapman to the Jasper Board of Zoning Adjustment

**Vote**

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith	Yes

**Consider adoption of Budget Amendment #2022/2023-03 to provide funds for time clocks.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt Budget Amendment #2022/2023-03.

**Vote**

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith	Yes

**Introduce Budget Amendment #2022/2023-04 to provide funding for 18th Street bridge upgrade and to provide metal benches for area park dugouts.** The budget amendment was introduced by the Accountant/Purchasing Agent and will be considered for approval at the next regular council meeting.

**Consider adoption of a Resolution to allow Mayor O'Mary to enter into an agreement with ALDOT for preliminary engineering and construction for downtown streetscape improvements along 19th & 20th Street, phase VI for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) project no. TAPAA-TA23(913).**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt a Resolution to allow Mayor O’Mary to enter into an agreement with ALDOT for preliminary engineering and construction for downtown streetscape improvements along 19th & 20th Street, phase VI for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) project no. TAPAA-TA23(913).

**Vote**

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith	Yes

**Consider adoption of a Resolution to award the bid for the Jasper Lumber Project.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt a Resolution to award the bid for the Jasper Lumber Project to STX Corporation, the lowest qualified bidder.

**Vote**

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith	Yes

**Consider closing Walker County Lake Road just past the entrance to Walker County Lake to the intersection at Lakewood Drive.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to close Walker County Lake Road just past the entrance to Walker County Lake to the intersection at Lakewood Drive.

**Vote**

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith	Yes

**Introduce an Ordinance amending the Garbage Ordinance concerning landfill fee charges for the disposal of mattresses.** The Ordinance was introduced by the Sanitation Superintendent and will be considered at the next council meeting.

**Introduce an Ordinance to provide truck designations for various streets.** The Ordinance was introduced by the City Planner and will be considered at the next council meeting.

**Consider adoption of an Ordinance annexing a parcel of land located at 14 Downard Drive.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adopt an Ordinance annexing a parcel of land located at 14 Downard Drive.

**Vote**

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith	Yes

**Comments:** Mayor shared positive operating results for FYE 2022. After seeing the largest revenue growth in possibly the city's history in 2021, revenue increased 5% in 2022. The city operated at a \$5.2 million surplus, and reserves have grown by \$10.4 million in two years. He stressed the importance of having department heads and employees striving to adhere to their budgets as a major contributor. With a large reserve balance, the city can move forward with planned projects despite the state of the economy and is well prepared for the economic environment ahead.

Presiding Officer Smith reminded everyone of the Walker County Chamber Christmas parade tonight.

**Consider adjournment of the meeting.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adjourn the meeting.

**Vote**

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith	Yes

10:26 a.m. – Meeting adjourned.

A P P R O V E D:

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Jennifer W. Smith, Presiding Officer

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Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator